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CONFRONTATION A petite Abbotsford woman who took on two burly British soldiers while wearing a red evening gown, knocking one of them out cold, has earned the nickname of "Glambo" by the London press.

According to the British tabloid The Sun, five-foot-three Ashley Wolfe, a martial arts instructor, was at a posh London dinner last week when she saw two soldiers pretending to be gay and kissing as they danced to the Britney Spears hit Womanizer.

The physical confrontation ensued after she asked them to stop.

Wolfe and her husband travel the world teaching unarmed combat to troops. They're currently in Budapest. METRO VANCOUVER

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Warning **Ex-B.C. Lion out on bail**

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Const. Lindsay Houghton holds up photos of former B.C. Lion Joshua Boden at Vancouver police headquarters Thursday. Police issued a rare public warning about the 23-year-old, who is out on bail facing charges of sexual assault and resisting arrest. Story, page 2

Anti-sex trafficking campaign slammed

Salvation Army crusade stigmatizes sex workers as victims: Lawyer

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Sex worker advocates in Vancouver are condemning this weekend's planned anti-sex trafficking campaign by the Salvation Army, saying it stigmatizes all sex workers as victims of trafficking.

The Salvation Army has held the Weekend of Prayer for the past three years to raise awareness of human sex trafficking.

This year, it is focusing on the Vancouver 2010 Olympics through a campaign titled: More Precious Than Silver.

The Army is predicting a spike in the number of women and children that will be brought into Vancouver to work as sex slaves during the Games.

Katrina Pacey, a lawyer with Pivot Legal, said there is no evidence that mega-events, like the Olympics, lead to an increase in human trafficking.

Further, she said, the Army's Weekend of Prayer paints all sex workers as trafficking victims and doesn't draw the distinction that some people may have chosen to do it.

"It is inappropriate to think that sex workers want to be saved by the Salvation Army," Pacey said. "If they really want to know what sex workers need, they should have asked them."

The Salvation Army was called several times Thursday, but had not commented by press time.

The Army's website suggests six ideas to help Salvationists commemorate the weekend, including a prayer breakfast to celebrate "men of honour" and a prayer walk outside strip clubs or massage parlours.

One of the proposed displays uses a mannequin in a ripped dress, painted to look bloody.

Pacey called the possible display "harmful, insulting and totally inappropriate."

Action urged on domestic abuse

REPORT B.C.'s independent children's representative is calling on the provincial government to take action on domestic abuse following the death of six-year-old Christian Lee, who was stabbed to death by his father during a murderous rampage two years ago.

Peter Lee also slaughtered Christian's mother and her parents before finally killing himself in the family's upscale home in Oak Bay, near Victoria.

He was on bail facing domestic violence allegations at the time.

In a report released Thursday, Children's Representative Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond said there is a need for domestic violence courts and for a special justice initiative that focuses on the safety of children and youth.

She added that a co-ordinated system linking the criminal, child welfare and family justice systems could have ultimately made a difference in the Lee tragedy.

"There was no system in place so that all got a complete or fuller picture for adequate decision making," the children's representative said.

Christian's mother, Sunny, received conflicting advice from three police departments, a social worker and her family lawyer on what she should be doing to protect her son and herself from her husband, Turpel-Lafond said.

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Dalai Lama to visit

The Dalai Lama, left, will be in Vancouver on Sunday, along with six other Nobel laureates for a peace summit at UBC's Chan Centre. Other attendees include South African cleric Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Irish peace activists Mairead Maguire and Betty Williams. METRO VANCOUVER

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Crews busy with cliffside rescues

RESCUE Firefighters on Thursday morning had to pluck two men from a patch of brambles after they fell about 10 metres from a steep trail along the city's west side. The pair was eventually lowered to the beach where a Coast Guard hovercraft took all three to safer ground.

The previous evening, two cousins got into trouble as they explored a dangerous section of Sumas Mountain. Abbotsford police say a 14-year-old boy fell 12 metres from a cliff. His companion also fell but managed to go find help. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Boden a threat to community: Police

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A former B.C. Lions wide receiver is a threat to the community, Vancouver police said on Thursday.

Const. Lindsey Houghton said investigators felt it was necessary to issue the rare public warning after Joshua Joseph Boden was released on bail.

"The reason we're saying that we believe that he will pose a risk to public safety is the way … he selected and targeted his victims in these two incidents," Houghton said.

He did not elaborate, adding the investigation is ongoing.

Boden, who currently lives in Surrey, is facing two charges of sexual assault, one of resisting arrest, and one of obstructing a police officer.

The charges relate to two incidents, including one on Labour Day where police officers witnessed a man fondling a woman at Commercial Drive and Broadway Avenue. When they tried to arrest him, the suspect ran away but was taken down after a violent struggle.

While Boden was in jail in relation to that incident, police also charged him for an Aug. 29 incident.

"Investigators were able to put together enough information … to warrant another charge of sexual assault," Houghton said.

Boden was with the Lions in the 2006-07 season CFL and played one game with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats last year.

Local design takes centre stage at B.C. Fashion Week

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"It's about showing the world that we can show Canadian designers alongside European and American designers."
Chez Noel

Nine creations by local design students and recent graduates will be featured during B.C. Fashion Week Spring 2010, which launches on Sunday.

The event, which will focus on the Business of Fashion, will showcase two types of collections, Ready to Wear and Diffusion (a line between ready-to-wear and trousseau/couture.

Chez Noel, executive director, said this year it's all about balance: "It's about showing the world that we can show Canadian designers alongside European and American designers."

Organizers also invited young design student and graduates to take part.

JC Studio designer, Roze-Merie Cuevas, said presenting during B.C. Fashion Week will be a nice boost for the young designers.

"The Youth in Fashion show will be a fantastic opportunity to show the young designers how the real world works — it's chaotic and exciting," she said.

Krista Brown, contributing designer for the Youth in Fashion said, "everyone is really excited."

After Sunday's opening gala, there B.C. Fashion Week will host daily shows at the Chinese Cultural Centre until Oct. 3. Youth in Fashion is on Thursday, offsite at the Circa Lounge on Granville Street.

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Nicoletta Barber models a design by Youth in Fashion contributor Savannah Qui.

Park commissioner given driving ban after crashing car

SENTENCING Vancouver park commissioner Constance Barnes was sentenced Thursday to a one-year driving prohibition after pleading guilty to impaired driving.

She was also fined $2,000, radio station CKNW reported.

Barnes fell asleep and crashed her car into the corner of a South Vancouver house in May. No one was injured in the accident.

She had spent the day at Iona Beach in Richmond and had "a couple of ciders," said Barnes in an apology three weeks after the crash. Her blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit.

In court Thursday, Barnes stood up and apologized again for her actions. The judge recognized the 42 days Barnes spent in rehab.

Barnes, a first-term park commissioner, is the daughter of the late Emery Barnes, a B.C. Lion who became an MLA and eventually Speaker of the Legislature. METRO VANCOUVER

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Library revisiting ban on right-to-die group

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An Australian right-to-die group is getting a second chance to host a suicide workshop at Vancouver's library.

The Vancouver Public Library board has asked staff to re-examine a decision to bar Exit International from presenting a workshop on how to kill oneself.

The library had OK'd both a public meeting and a workshop. It scrapped the latter after it found out that the workshop would be educating people on how to commit suicide.

City Librarian Paul Whitney said he received legal and police advice that the workshop could be interpreted as encouraging people to kill themselves, which is against the law.

On Wednesday, the board advised Whitney to seek further legal advice and report back in two weeks.

David Eby, executive director of the B.C. Civil Liberties, said he was encouraged that the board was revisiting the ban.

"The material that is going to be presented is legal and available on library shelves," Eby said. "Citizens should be able to discuss the contents of books among themselves on library property."

Exit International had planned to host their talk on Nov. 3.

News in brief

HEALTH A health fair will be held in Mandarin and Cantonese in Burnaby on Sunday, to provide information to Chinese Vancouverites on infection and youth health. The annual health fair takes runs from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Bonsor Rectreation Complex.

RELIGION Residents at Britannia Beach held a public hearing after learning that an organization affiliated with a controversial religious group, the Opus Dei, wants to establish a spiritual retreat centre there. The group was made famous by Dan Brown's novel, The Da Vinci Code.

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Pearl Jam taking to Garage for concert
Iconic grunge rockers Pearl Jam will be performing at GM Place on Friday night. The Seattle band, which is led by front man Eddie Vedder, has been together for nearly 20 years. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. METRO VANCOUVER

Federal funds on way

B.C. to finally receive infrastructure money

The provincial government has inked a deal with Ottawa to get British Columbia's federal stimulus funds flowing — seven months after the cash became available.

Premier Gordon Campbell announced Thursday that B.C. will receive $244 million in infrastructure funding, to be matched by his government with an additional $233 million and more coming from municipalities.

B.C. has been eligible for about $1.2 billion in federal stimulus funding since February, but the province failed to reach a deal with Ottawa to get the cash in hand.

Earlier this month, Prime Minister Stephen Harper turned down Campbell's request to change the funding formula, but the premier says a deal's been reached and specific projects will be announced in the coming weeks.

Campbell says 174 new projects costing more than $719 million will be launched across B.C., mainly around roads, bridges and water systems.

The funding is expected to create 4,600 new jobs, with about 70 per cent of the money going to projects outside the Vancouver region. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Natives block road to deter moose hunters

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"Moose are our most important food source. We have a sacred trust to protect the moose population for our future generations." Tahltan Chief Rick McLean

TAHLTAN A group of aboriginals has blockaded a road in Northern B.C. to keep moose hunters away from the animals.

Members of the Tahltan First Nation say they decided to take action because the Ministry of the Environment failed to act on their request to protect the moose.

"Moose are our most important food source," said Chief Rick McLean. "We have a sacred trust to protect the moose population for our future generations.

"We can't sit by and watch the moose in our territory get pushed to the edge of extinction due to the mismanagement of the province."

The Tahltan's ongoing concerns with the yearly moose hunt, which is authorized by Victoria in their territory, include the length of the season, the number of animals taken and the shortage of reliable data on the existing moose population.

News in brief

LEAVE Robert Latimer, the Saskatchewan farmer serving time in an Abbotsford halfway house for killing his severely disabled daughter, had his bid for an extended leave approved.

CAPTURED An escaped paranoid schizophrenic who was ruled criminally insane after killing two men in Fort St. John has been found, Coquitlam RCMP said.

APOLOGY The UBC student who triggered a massive campus lockdown in 2008 sent an apology letter to the school, which has been published in the Ubyssey, cknw.com reports. Hwi Lee sent threatening emails to university, hoping to cancel his classes so he wouldn't have to give a presentation.

FALSE ALARM Hazmat crews were called to the Scotiabank at Seymour and Georgia streets on Thursday after staff found mysterious boxes that turned out to be harmless, news1130.com reports.

HEALTH Ground broke in Vancouver Thursday for a new medical research centre at Vancouver General Hospital, news1130.com reports. The seven-storey facility, which is slated to open in 2011, will be home to research programs on hip health and mobility, prostate health, and ovarian cancer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canada concludes reactor negotiations: Day

Kazakhstan — home to the former Soviet Union's main nuclear test site — could soon be buying nuclear reactors from Canada. Trade Minister Stockwell Day says Canadian officials have concluded negotiations with the country on a Nuclear Co-operation Agreement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Feds want answers on info transfer

The federal government has asked Canada's privacy commissioner to look into whether the RCMP should have passed on personal information from the national gun registry to a pollster. Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, left, called the RCMP's release of information to the EKOS polling firm "offensive and inappropriate" and said it would not have been approved if the ministry had been consulted, said ministry spokesperson Chris McCluskey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympics adopt media

TECHNOLOGY Social media lets people eavesdrop on the conversations between celebrities or be eyewitnesses to revolutions around the world. It's also bringing down the walls around another secret garden: The Olympics.

Technologies that allow regular citizens to connect to the Games are slowly being adopted by international and local Olympic organizers.

It's a major step forward for the movement, which has often been criticized for a top-down approach to communication — the IOC once spoke and expected people to listen.

But the explosion of blogs, Facebook and message boards is beginning to force them to listen a little more themselves.

"Clearly if you want to talk to people you have to use the channels that are available," said Mark Adams, the director of communications for the IOC. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

G20 MEETING Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrived Thursday at the G20 summit in Pittsburgh for crucial talks on the economy and climate change. The G20 leaders are meeting for the third time in less than a year, mainly in the hopes of resolving the global financial crisis. They hope to reach an agreement on how best to slowly remove huge stimulus packages that have underpinned the fragile economic recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa **Trump takes questions**

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Donald Trump points to a reporter Thursday who has a question during a media scrum at the Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase in Ottawa. Trump is a key speaker at the forum.

Critics blast prison policy

Report says feds are pandering

Decades of evidence on prison policy is being trumped by ideology and populist pandering, says an independent report on the Conservative government's corrections road map.

"Raw wedge politics — in place of studied evidence — is the new face of public policy for Canada," Graham Stewart, one of the study's co-authors, said at a news conference Thursday.

Stewart and Michael Jackson, a law professor at the University of British Columbia, have written a 235-page deconstruction of the Harper government's 2007 blueprint for revamping Canadian corrections policies.

Their scathing analysis contends the government road map starts with what they call an ideological "myth" — that human rights are at odds with public safety. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Libyan leader to get an earful

VISIT The Harper government says Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi should expect an earful when he arrives in Canada next week for a brief stopover.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon has been dispatched to meet the African strongman and express Canada's displeasure over the "hero's welcome" Libya gave to the man convicted of the infamous Lockerbie bombing.

But it's not clear if Gadhafi will agree to the meeting during a stop in St. John's, N.L., on his way home from the United Nations.

Gadhafi is a former international pariah who rehabilitated his image by publicly abandoning support for terrorism.

He drew international rebuke again last month for throwing a party for Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, who was released from a Scottish prison. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Body bags still a mystery for Aglukkaq
It has been over a week but Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says she still doesn't know why dozens of body bags were sent to some Manitoba reserves in preparation for flu season. "It is deeply regrettable," she said after a meeting with Grand Chief Ron Evans of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Are seasonal flu shots H1N1 suspects?

A Canadian study that suggests seasonal flu shots raise a person's risk of catching swine flu is raising concern abroad.

And at home, it's triggering changes to flu vaccine program schedules.

The information is referred to as "the Canadian problem" by some scientists outside this country.

Overseas scientists have looked for a similar effect but have failed to see it.

Flu **Outbreak**

The study links getting a flu shot last year with double the risk of contracting the H1N1 influenza virus (also known as swine flu) this year.

The link, if real, is to mild disease.

One person who has seen the study says it seems to suggest that those who got a seasonal flu shot were less likely to develop severe disease if they became infected than those who hadn't received the shot.

Ontario announced it would vaccinate seniors against seasonal flu in October, but delay the bulk of its seasonal program until later in the winter.

"We believe (our) strategy ... is the safest."
Dr. Arlene King

Saskatchewan said it may cancel its seasonal campaign altogether.

Manitoba said it is planning for the seasonal program to run as scheduled.

"When we look at the overall big picture, we believe that the strategy that we are offering is the safest and (most) effective strategy in terms of moving forward," said Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health.

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Iggy hits Tories from left field

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff used an empty field in Ontario on Thursday to illustrate why his party can no longer support the Conservatives .

Ignatieff stood in front of an undeveloped infrastructure project in Burlington to release research that suggests only 12 per cent of $4 billion set aside for job-creating projects has flowed.

That's a far cry from the Harper government's claim that 80 per cent of its economic stimulus plan is being implemented.

"It's one of the important reasons why our party is unable to continue supporting this government," Ignatieff said.

"The reason is right here in this field, this kind of inaction, this kind of game playing."

The Tories say the project, a park, has not yet been built because the city asked that construction begin next spring.

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News in brief

CRIME Police in Manitoba plan to target top gang members and enlist parents to help combat gang recruitment in the province. Attorney General Dave Chomiak says the measures are part of Manitoba's new anti-gang strategy. Goals include gathering information about who's associating with gangs. Police want to identify signs of gang involvement by young people and help take some of the glamour out of the gang lifestyle.

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Artist Bio - Tarl

Hit Songs
Tonight

Your lucky ears may have already heard his latest song, *Tonight,* on the airwaves. The album is **The Social,** a solo-effort by former Sam frontman Tarl Feser. No doubt after hearing the album you'll be craving more, and hard-working Tarl can be found playing shows just about anywhere: on a boat in Harrison, at a bar in "The Wack" or in downtown Vancouver (checkout myspace.com/tarlsmusic for tour-dates). This is good rock music, sing along ballads and good times with fabulous friends.

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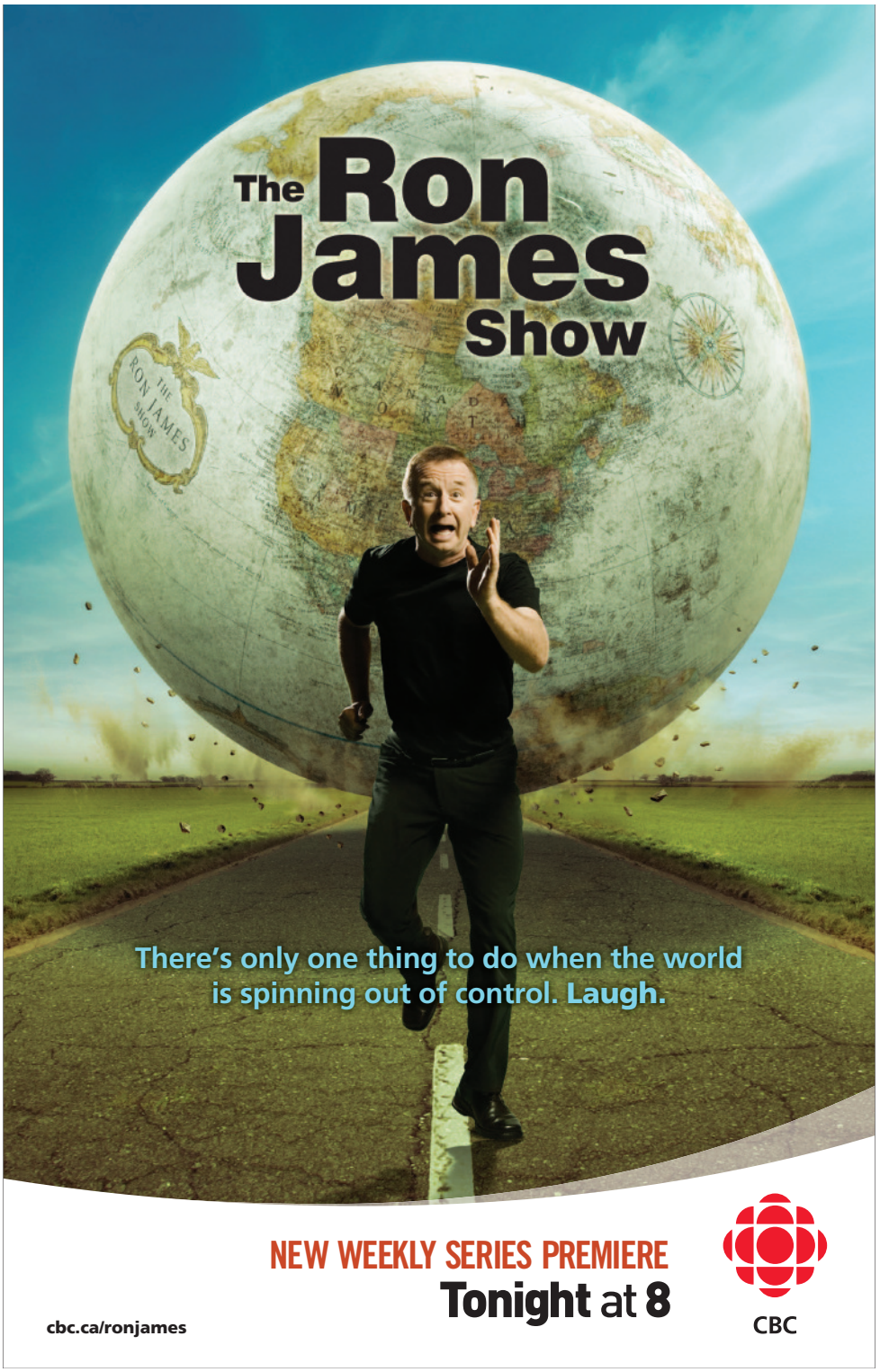

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8 **Trump denies knowing Gadhafi would be renting property**
A White Plains, NY, town official says Donald Trump said he did not know Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi was involved when he rented out a section of his estate this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

New hope in AIDS fight

For the first time, an experimental vaccine has prevented infection with the AIDS virus, a watershed event in the deadly epidemic and a surprising result. Recent failures led many scientists to think such a vaccine might never be possible.

The World Health Organization and the UN agency UNAIDS said the results "instilled new hope" in the field of HIV vaccine research.

The vaccine — a combination of two previously unsuccessful vaccines — cut the risk of becoming infected with HIV by more than 31 per cent in the world's largest AIDS vaccine trial of more than 16,000 volunteers in Thailand, researchers announced Thursday in Bangkok.

Even though the benefit is modest, "it's the first evidence that we could have a safe and effective preventive vaccine," Col. Jerome Kim told The Associated Press. He helped lead the study for the U.S. Army, which sponsored it with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Alan Bernstein, executive director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, said it was a landmark day.

"It is the very first time that there's been any evidence that it would be possible to develop a vaccine that would confer protection against HIV in humans," Bernstein, the past president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, said from New York.

"I can't tell you how exciting a day this is."

Even a marginally helpful vaccine could have a big impact. Every day, 7,500 people worldwide are newly infected with HIV; two million died of AIDS in 2007, UNAIDS estimates.

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Protesters, police clash at G20 summit

PITTSBURGH Police threw canisters of pepper spray and smoke at marchers protesting the Group of 20 summit Thursday in Pittsburgh after anarchists responded to calls to disperse by rolling trash bins and throwing rocks.

The march turned chaotic at just about the same time that U.S. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama arrived for a meeting with leaders of the world's major economies.

The clashes began after hundreds of protesters, many advocating against capitalism, tried to march from an outlying neighbourhood toward the convention centre where the summit is being held.

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Demonstrators march through a Pittsburgh neighbourhood Thursday in protest of the G20 summit.

Rowdy crowd

- Police sealed off main thoroughfares to downtown Pittsburgh. Some of the protesters were seen ducking into alleyways to change out of their all-black clothing and then milling about in the street.

The hundreds of marchers included small groups of self-described anarchists, some wearing dark clothes and bandanas and carrying black flags. Others wore helmets and safety goggles. About an hour after the clashes started, the police and protesters were at a standoff. The march had begun at a city park, where an activist from New York City, dressed in a white suit with a preacher's collar, started it off with a speech through a bullhorn.

"They are not operating on Earth time. ... They are accommodating the devil," he said. "To love democracy and to love the Earth is to be a radical now." The activist, Billy Talen, travels the country preaching against consumerism. He initially identified himself as "the Rev. Billy from the Church of Life After Shopping."

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G8 gives Iran ultimatum, but China balks

NUCLEAR Pressure deepened against Iran on Thursday when the world's eight top economic powers gave Tehran until year's end to cease enriching uranium or face new sanctions, but resistance from China could undermine the effort.

The U.S. has been pushing for heavier sanctions if Iran does not agree to end enrichment, which many nations believe is part of Tehran's drive to build a nuclear weapon.

Instead, more diplomatic efforts are needed, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in his Wednesday speech to the General Assembly, did not mention the nuclear issue.

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Eight charged for casino scam
Eight people have been charged in San Diego with conspiracy to cheat casinos of millions of dollars by bribing dealers to rig card games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspect had bomb material, officials say

An Afghan immigrant who received explosives training from al-Qaida went from one beauty supply store to another, buying up large quantities of hydrogen peroxide and nail-polish remover, in a chilling plot to build bombs for attacks on U.S. soil, authorities charged Thursday.

Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old shuttle driver at the Denver airport, was indicted in New York on charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction. Investigators found bomb-making instructions on his computer's hard drive and said Zazi used a hotel room in Colorado to try to cook up explosives a few weeks ago before a trip to New York.

The extent of Zazi's ties to al-Qaida was unclear, but if the allegations prove true, this could be the first operating al-Qaida cell to be uncovered inside the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Prosecutors said they have yet to establish exactly when and where the Zazi attacks were supposed to take place. But Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington, "We believe any imminent threat arising from this case has been disrupted."

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Thursday that Zazi had associates in New York who were in on the plot.

Zazi was arrested in Denver last weekend and was charged along with his father and a New York City imam with lying to investigators. Authorities said in the past few days that they feared Zazi and others might have been planning to detonate homemade bombs on New York trains.

Explosives built with hydrogen peroxide killed 52 people four years ago in the London transit system. They are easy to conceal and detonate, and last week's warnings asked authorities to be on the lookout for them.

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Deep concern

- A U.S. law enforcement official said Thursday that authorities had been so worried about terror suspect Najibullah Zazi — and that his Sept. 10 trip to New York City coincided with a visit by President U.S. Barack Obama — that they considered arresting him as soon as he reached the city.

Honduras **Zelaya still in hiding**

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People protest against Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa Thursday. Zelaya and his loyalists took shelter Monday at the Brazilian Embassy and Honduras' interim president Roberto Micheletti vowed to arrest Zelaya if he leaves the shelter of the diplomatic mission.

Candidates to meet with Zelaya

HONDURAS The four leading presidential candidates in Honduras say they are going to meet with ousted President Manuel Zelaya and are calling on both sides in the country's protracted political crisis to reach an agreement.

National Party candidate Porfirio Lobo says "what we have asked ... is that they be very flexible in a dialogue." Lobo spoke Thursday after a meeting with interim President Roberto Micheletti.

Earlier Thursday, Zelaya announced that he had met with a representative of Micheletti's government whom he refused to identify, but that no progress was made. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MAINE Two co-workers who discovered this summer that they are long-lost brothers and who reunited this week with their two half sisters have a new surprise — a half brother has surfaced. George Pomeroy of Biddeford, Maine, told WCSH-TV on Thursday that he shares a father with Randy Joubert and Gary Nisbet. He said the men lived with his family as youngsters before they were taken by the state and adopted by different families about 35 years ago. After the men's story was publicized, half-sister Joanne Campbell showed up.

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Tough question about homelessness

UrbanCompass

Do we need a law that allows police to force homeless people into shelters when the weather gets so cold they will be in danger if they spend the night on the street?

Tough question. Stand back ma'am. I'm a columnist and I'm trained to answer tough questions.

Let's start with some background. When I was in Winnipeg — where it routinely goes below –30 C at night — I followed the Main Street Project's patrol for several nights as it checked the haunts of the homeless.

It was cold enough to freeze water molecules in the air, yet there were always people out there, preferring the frigid quiet and isolation to the noisy warmth of a shelter. Workers would try to convince people to come in from the cold, but mostly they were just making sure no one froze to death.

Fast forward to today, as Housing Minister Rich Coleman prepares legislation to force people indoors during the much more clement winter nights in Vancouver. Warmer, yes, but I doubt anyone likes spending the night outdoors when its –7 C or when that Vancouver blend of snow/rain/sleet is pelting down.

Choose to believe this legislation is not inspired by a desire to prevent ugly incidents or clean up the street during the Olympics, but is prompted instead by a genuine sense of responsibility for those souls who won't come in from the cold.

Still, they will not, and if you try to force them, they'll go deeper into the shadows. Or they'll resist, and you know where that could lead. Or they'll go to the shelter, walk away when no one is looking, and have to be apprehended again. It will be tough to enforce.

On top of the enforcement problems, the refuseniks are protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Coleman's attempt to trump the charter and take people into shelters against their will is bound to be challenged in court. People have a right, like it or not, to sleep on the street.

So critics of this scheme, such as the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, are right. But what happens when someone dies from exposure or burns to death trying to stay warm? Who will take the responsibility? The B.C. Civil Liberties Association? I don't think so.

If it's a human right to live on the street, it's a human right to die on the street. And if you think about that for five minutes, really think about it, you'll have some sympathy for Rich Coleman.

Or if you really care, maybe one night this winter, when the temperature dips below zero, you'll volunteer to help prevent someone from spending their last night on the street.

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Views

Raising Expectations for adoptive families

Laura Eggertson

Families created through adoption or assisted reproduction should celebrate the new report in Ontario acknowledging the value and struggles it took to build those families.

Now it's time for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and his cabinet to act on Raising Expectations' critical recommendations.

As an adoptive parent, and an adoptee, I know firsthand the barriers that hamper the efforts of families to adopt through the public system. The panel's first recommendations deal with adoption. Implementing the report's call for a central adoption agency, subsidies and post-adoption supports for parents of children classified as "special needs" would help dismantle those barriers.

As Raising Expectations points out, stigma, misconception and blame cloud both adoption and assisted reproduction. One such misconception is that doing nothing is a good option.

It costs $32,000 a year to keep a child in the care of the province. That's $300 million a year in total for 9,400 Crown wards.

Many friends have shared the emotional and physical toll that infertility treatments take. Those who eventually conceive are thrilled. Others are devastated by being unable to become a parent.

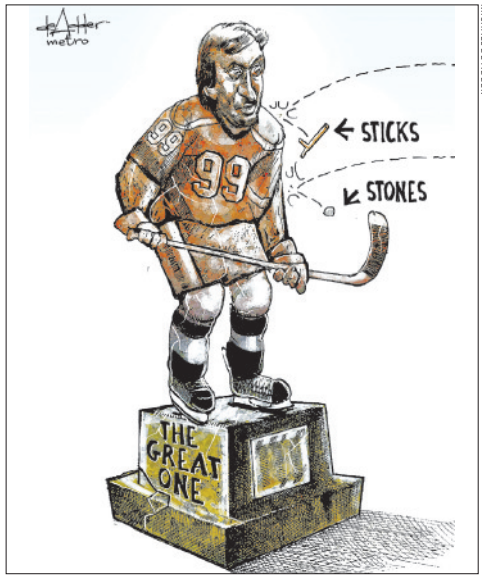
Their struggle also takes an economic toll on the province. That's because the high cost of fertility treatments — roughly $10,000 a cycle — encourages women to have several fertilized eggs implanted at once. That results in multiple births, which cost the health-care system more because of negative health outcomes for both mother and children.

Paying for three cycles of infertility treatments, as the report recommends, would reduce the incentive for multiple births and cut those health-care costs.

Making the legislative and policy changes required to support people prepared to parent the thousands of children waiting forever for families will further help the province's bottom line.

Even if you don't agree with the principles behind building strong, healthy families, the numbers tell the tale.

Laura Eggertson is an award-winning freelance journalist based in Ottawa, and a former Nieman fellow at Harvard University.



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China **Socialism meets capitalism**

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Workers line up to sing revolutionary songs ahead of their day's work in Nan Jie Cun, China. The village promotes itself as a commune run on socialist policies and its industries are collectively owned, but the village's businesses operate on a strictly capitalist basis. For many, Nan Jie Cun has become a different type of model, a mixture of the free market and government control that has made China a new world power.

Real estate recession over, report reveals

House hunters still waiting for prices to drop further before buying may have sat on the sidelines too long, according to a new report showing home values have recovered across Canada to where they were before the recent market drop.

Economists agree, saying the power has shifted to a seller's market in recent months, after the buyers were in control for more than a year.

"(The) bounce back that began in early spring has made this recession one of the shortest on record for real estate," said the Re/Max Bricks and Mortar Report released Thursday.

The survey says values are ahead of record highs set in 2008 in seven of the 11 markets surveyed for the brokerage network. The national average price was $312,585, up 0.5 per cent from a year ago.

Re/Max said low interest rates, pent-up demand and improved affordability as a result of record low interest rates are behind the recovery.

The survey shows sales are also soaring, up 14 per cent in Vancouver so far this year, followed by a 7.4 per cent rise in Victoria, 6.2 per cent rise in Edmonton and five per cent jump in Regina.

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NORTEL Ottawa will be reviewing the sale of Nortel Networks' enterprise division to U.S. telecom equipment giant Avaya Inc. to see if the deal will bring enough economic benefit to Canada, according to Industry Minister Tony Clement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Credit card default rate at record level in Q2

REPORT The amount of unpaid Canadian credit card debt being written off by issuers has risen nearly 60 per cent to record levels in the second quarter compared to the same time last year, says a new report from Moody's.

What's more, credit card delinquency rates — the number of accounts 30 days past due — rose 23 per cent in the April-June period versus last year, the reports shows.

The credit rating agency said the charge-off rate hit a new high of 4.8 per cent, which is a 57 per cent increase from 3.07 per cent for the second quarter last year.

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Pirates lose before very small crowd

Bronson Arroyo limited Pittsburgh to one run over seven innings on Thursday and the Cincinnati Reds completed their second sweep of the plummeting Pirates in less than a month, but the real story was the attendance. Despite selling 15,892 tickets, the turnstile count was about 3,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Detroit struggling at gate, too

The Detroit Lions failed to sell all their tickets for Sunday's game against the Redskins, meaning there will be a TV blackout in some local markets. A team spokesman said Thursday the game will be blacked out in the Detroit, Lansing, Saginaw-Flint and Toledo, Ohio, markets. The Lions have lost 19 games in a row, matching the second-longest skid in NFL history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

GREAT ONE Wayne Gretzky stepped down as head coach and director of hockey operations of the beleaguered Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday. Gretzky, who is also the team's managing partner, said in a statement on his website that it's time to move on. Hours later, the Coyotes named Dave Tippett as Gretzky's successor.

SOCCER David Testo and Rocco Placentino scored as the Montreal Impact beat the Charleston Battery 2-0 Thursday in the first leg of a United Soccer Leagues First Division quarter-final. Testo opened the scoring in the 10th minute, while Placentino added insurance in the 88th.

BASKETBALL Canada's women's basketball team took a step closer to booking a ticket to the world championships with a 70-57 victory over Puerto Rico Thursday. Veteran guard Teresa Gabriele of Mission, B.C., scored 13 points to lead the Canadians, who improved to 2-0 at the FIBA Americas women's tournament.

SWEDEN Former NHL forward Peter Forsberg scored less than six minutes into his comeback game, but his hometown team Modo lost 4-2 to Frolunda in a Swedish Elite League opener on Thursday. Forsberg beat former NHL goalie Johan Holmqvist just 5:44 in with a shot between the pads that brought the crowd of 6,596 at Swedbank Arena in Ornskoldsvik to its feet.

MMA Russian heavyweight Fedor Emelianenko will make his Strikeforce debut Nov. 7 against Brett (The Grim) Rogers at Sears Centre Arena in suburban Chicago.

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Losing skid led to extension

Canucks sign head coach Alain Vigneault through 2012-13 season

Strange as it may sound, it was an eight-game losing streak last January that may have resulted in Alain Vigneault receiving a contract extension as head coach of the Vancouver Canucks.

As the losses mounted, just making the playoffs seemed a stretch, let alone challenging for the division title. Speculation was rampant that Vigneault's days were numbered.

Vigneault remained calm during that turbulent time. He maintained the confidence of general manager Mike Gillis without losing the players and managed to turn the team around.

"It's when you find those more challenging moments that you really find out about people." Alain Vigneault, Canucks head coach

The Canucks battled out of the slump, went on to win their second division title in three years and advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

Vigneault was rewarded Thursday with a three-year extension that will keep him with the NHL team until the 2012-13 season.

"If I go back to that challenging time within our season, it's probably the time where we as management and coaches bonded the most and really got to know one another," Vigneault said. "It's easy to be supportive, to be behind one another, when things are going your way and you are winning.

"It's when you find those more challenging moments that you really find out about people. During that time, Mike found out a lot of things about me and I found out a lot of things about him. We just worked well together." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canucks Not this time Corey

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Vancouver goalie Andrew Raycroft stops a shot from Anaheim's Corey Perry on Thursday night at GM Place. The Ducks were able to score later though, as they handed the Canucks a 3-2 loss in overtime. The loss was Vancouver's first this pre-season. The club is now 6-0-1.

Important contest pits Lions against new-look Stamps

CFL Calgary's newly acquired receivers and the return of Lions linebacker JoJuan Armour to McMahon Stadium will be key subplots when the Stampeders host the B.C. Lions on Friday.

There would be enough intrigue in the matchup without those storylines. The four West Division teams are neck and neck with Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatchewan at 6-5 and B.C. right behind at 5-6.

The Eskimos and Roughriders meet Saturday, so Calgary is anxious to remain at the top of the logjam and put distance on the Lions.

"We definitely want to be 7-5 after this game," Calgary quarterback Henry Burris said. "This is going to be a very emotional game for us because if we lose this game and B.C. wins, we could be in last place and we don't want to be there."

A B.C. win would put the Lions back in the thick of it after starting the season 1-4. A win over the defending Grey Cup champions would boost B.C.'s confidence with six weeks left in the regular season.

"This has been a team we have struggled with for the past few years," Lions slotback Geroy Simon said. "They don't play bad against us."

Calgary's No.1-ranked offence didn't look the part in Friday's 24-17 loss to Hamilton, where the Stamps' drives sputtered. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Girl power

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A crowd-pleaser at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut Whip It is about true sisterhood. "The girls who do it aren't doing it for money. They're nurses and librarians by day, and then these tough derby chicks by night. They're 'finding their tribe.'"

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Women on wheels

Barrymore's directorial debut takes fresh look at girl power

Halifax native Ellen Page, fifth from left, stars in Whip It, directed by Drew Barrymore.

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Although it emerged as a crowd-pleaser at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut Whip It is a more unconventional movie than one might expect.

Not only does its story of a small-town Texas girl named Bliss (Halifax native Ellen Page) who spurns the beauty pageant circuit to join a local roller derby team skate circles around sports-movie clichés, it also cuts its heroine's disapproving mother (Marcia Gay Harden) a surprising amount of slack.

"That's the love story," explains Barrymore. "I wanted to surprise people, and have it not be about Bliss and some boy, but about a girl and her mother. I didn't want (Harden) to be an archetypal villain.

"And I also didn't want to do the typical thing with beauty pageants, which are always made fun of so cruelly in movies. I think that doing pageants could definitely be somebody's choice in life, but not for Bliss, because that's not who she is.

Whip It opens in theatres next Friday

Who Bliss turns out to be — at least one night a week — is Babe Ruthless, her hard-driving, elbow throwing alter ego.

"Derby is an underground sport cropping up across the country," says Barrymore, who also appears in the film as an unholy roller with the track handle Smashlee Simpson.

"The girls who do it aren't doing it for money. They're nurses and librarians by day, and then these tough derby chicks by night. They're 'finding their tribe,' which is a huge thing for me in my life, and something I think that I was able to inject into Bliss' character."

As a director, Barrymore says that she was inspired by the films she watched as an '80s baby, including Breaking Away and the works of the late John Hughes. "Those movies were so human," she says. "There was tons of room for comedy, but also for interesting, realistic family dynamics. I thought that those directors were able to reach amazing emotional depths."

That said, one of Whip Its best features is the way it uses a very modern pop singer — the critically acclaimed Swedish crooner Jens Lekman — to underscore its most lyrical passages.

"We have four or five of his songs in the movie, and I actually flew him out to the editing room," says Barrymore.

Movie **feature**

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Dead Snow fun for horror fans

Dead Snow
Director: Tommy Wirkola
Stars: Charlotte Frogner, Orjan Gamst, Vegar Hoel
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

A scene from Dead Snow.

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Whether or not your will enjoy the Norwegian horror romp Dead Snow essentially comes down to your reaction to the following combination of words: Nazi zombies. If that sounds tasteless and exploitative, then run from the theatre. If you even smirk at the concept, then you'll probably have a blast.

Appreciating Dead Snow requires absolutely no brainpower. The movie is pure goofy/gory fun tailor-made for audiences who love being scared in the dark.

Dead Snow stars a collection of bland medical students who head out to a cabin in the woods for a weekend of drinking and skiing. From the beginning they're lambs heading into the slaughter (even commenting on the similarity of their situation to the butchered youngsters in The Evil Dead).

They soon discover that they are on land haunted by an army of zombie Nazis who stalk the snow-covered landscape looking for flesh to feast on.

The fact that the victims are medical students only allows for a few impromptu stitchings and amputations before heading back into battle. It doesn't matter who lives and dies. The zombies are the stars of the show and they are horrifically entertaining.

Co-writer/director Tommy Wirkola is clearly a fan of the horror genre and has a blast tearing up his protagonists.

His love of the material is infectious and it's hard not to smile, laugh, and jump whenever he spills blood on the snow.

There is nothing in Dead Snow beyond surface-level thrills and knowing gags, but the simplicity is part of the fun. This is a horror film made for horror fans and if you're one of the converted, it's impossible to have a bad time.

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Dennehy approached for Haggis thriller

Brian Dennehy is in negotiations to join the cast of Paul Haggis' new film, The Next Three Days. The film, a remake of the French thriller Pour Elle, stars Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks. EMPIREONLINE.COM.

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Moore's manifesto

Doc director rails against corporate greed in Capitalism

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Michael Moore is a filmmaker who sparks instant anger or appreciation whenever he's mentioned.

The director helped make documentaries marketable when his controversial Fahrenheit 9/11 became the first non-fiction film to gross over $100 million, while his satirical style has influenced a generation of documentary filmmakers and expanded the possibilities of the medium.

However, Moore's hard left political stance has earned him as many enemies as fans. One of the criticisms most commonly launched against Moore is that his movies are so loaded with his opinions that they can't be considered documentaries because they lack objectivity.

Michael Moore takes aim at the U.S. economic system with a dash of his satiric humour in Capitalism: A Love Story.

It's an unfair argument that seems to misunderstand what he does as a filmmaker. "I've said for a long time these are cinematic op-ed pieces," Moore told Metro. "They're my take on things. The facts in them are 100 per cent correct, but the opinions are mine."

Michael Moore's latest cinematic essay is Capitalism: A Love Story — opening next Friday — a film about America's greed-driven corporate culture and how it led to the current economic recession. The movie combines many of the arguments against big business that Moore has made throughout his career.

"There was a point when Manifesto was a potential title," says Moore. "I really set out to make this film with the attitude of if I weren't able to make another film after this, what would my last film say? That was the trigger for a lot of what's in there."

Movie **Feature**

Of course, a depressing movie about economics is not exactly destined to be a crowd pleaser. That's something that Moore took to heart when making the film, knowing he would have to lighten the tone. "The risk when it came to asking the studio for money to make the film was saying, 'I think people will come on a Friday night to see a movie that is essentially an examination of the economic system,'" said Moore. "That's really not what you think of doing when you get home on Friday and want to escape at the movies. I had a huge challenge in front of me to try and figure out how to make this a piece of entertaining cinema that is hopefully thought-provoking as well."

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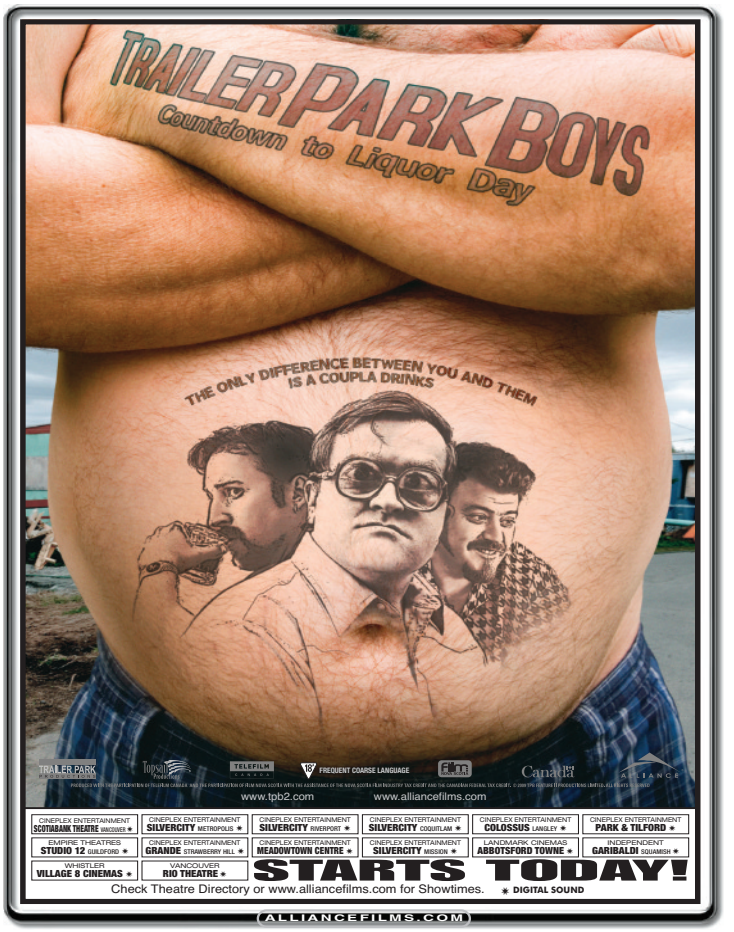

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Fame a high-glossed dud

Fame

Director: Kevin Tancharoen
Stars: Kelsey Grammer, Bebe Neuwirth, Debbie Allen
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

A scene from the latest version of Fame.

REVIEW Beware when Hollywood hacks remake a classic and call it a reinvention. More often than not the results are not only perfunctory, but an insulting nose thumbing to the potency and power of the original picture it's so cravenly plundering.

Not that Alan Parker's 1980 teen angst musical Fame is the Battleship Potemkin or anything, but at the very least it had edge, well drawn characters, blistering musical numbers, a great script and slick directorial style.

Kevin Tancharoen's self-professed "reinvention" of Fame however, has none of its predecessor's qualities. In fact it's bloody awful.

The haphazard, completely un-engaging "plot" cycles through four years in the lives of a handful of talented NYC kids who manage to wiggle their way into an elite arts high school

Dancers, singers, rappers, classical pianists, actors all jam through their life with the finesse of a crack fuelled hot rod.

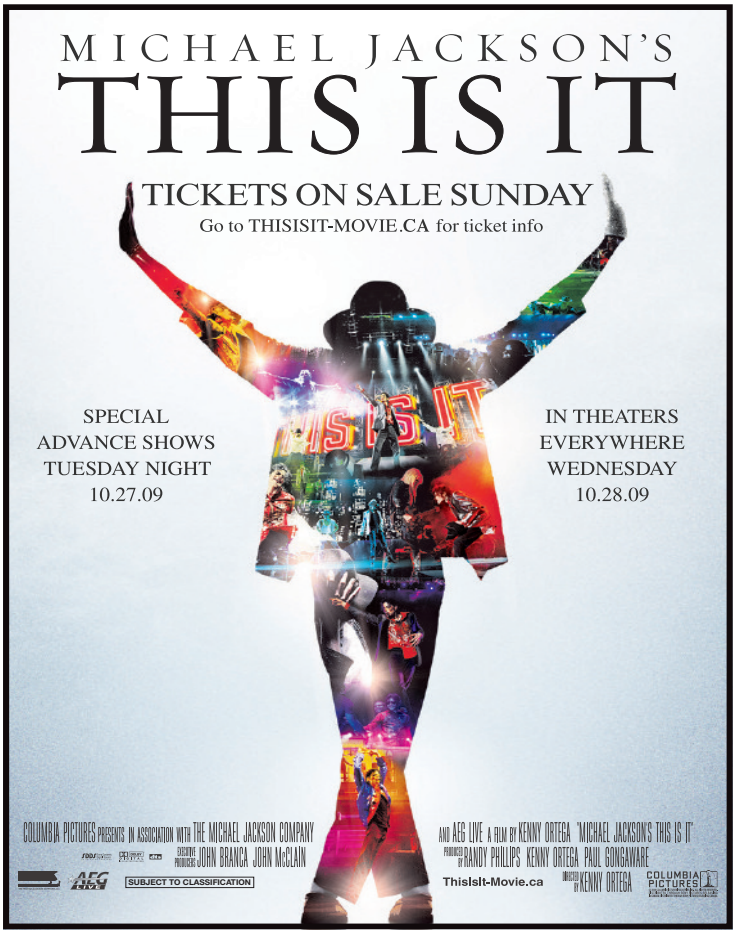
Literally, each year is realized in incoherent 20 minute intervals with over a dozen central teens hopelessly trying to convey their learning curve while their tough, wiser than though professors nod in approval (Kelsey Grammer, Bebe Neuwirth and returning cast member Debbie Allen are almost comically wasted as the fortune cookie quoting teachers).

There's no one to root for in Fame, nothing to connect with or care about. And the songs are not only sparse, but generally useless.

Sure some of the young performers are probably gifted and try their best, but Tancharoen's cross-eyed direction never gives them a chance to properly shine.

Fame is a full-blown, high-gloss dud, and where Parker's heartfelt original was rated R, this PG rated stinker is timid enough for your toddler. Avoid it like acne.

• For Fame photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies



Timberlake, Eisenberg get Social
Justin Timberlake, right, and Jesse Eisenberg have nabbed the leads in The Social Network (a.k.a. The Facebook Movie), a drama written by Aaron Sorkin, according to Variety. TVGUIDE.COM

Reel Time

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Trailer old liquor, old bottle

Trailer Park Boys: **Countdown to Liquor Day**

Director: Mike Clattenburg
Stars: Robb Wells, John Paul Tremblay, Mike Smith
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●½

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

By now, anyone who cares to know about Trailer Park Boys, even in the most passive way, already does. Ricky, Julian and Bubbles — the trio of mobile home-dwelling misfits whose get rich quick schemes were the focus of seven seasons and one previous movie, all shot in and around Halifax — are well on their way to becoming national comedic icons on par with Bob and Doug McKenzie.

Which makes director Mike Clattenburg's decision to make a second film that simply retreads the past all the more confusing.

Like most of their adventures, Countdown to Liquor Day starts with the boys in jail. Upon their exit from the clink they find the Sunnyvale Trailer Park abandoned, and Bubble's cats corralled by animal control, in favour of a new one owned and operated by their old nemesis Jim Lahey and his bi-sexual, cross-dressing partner Randy.

Mike Smith reprises Bubbles in Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day.

The two sides seem content to leave the other be except that Lahey now needs to run a sewer line through Julian's property in Sunnyvale. The problem is that Julian, in an attempt to go straight has turned his old trailer into an auto-body shop. Things are further complicated after a sober Mr. Lahey falls off the wagon again when domestic problems with Randy arise.

Countdown to Liquor Day retains the charm that made the television show an endearing guilty pleasure. And both the film's beginning and end are well worth the price of admission for fans. However the film drags badly in its mid-section, thanks to a series of sub-plots that ultimately go nowhere.

One bright spot is an expanded role for wannabe white rapper J-Roc, played by former Jonovision host Jonathan Torrens, whose ridiculous gangsta dialect is a highlight throughout the movie. But it's not enough to elevate the film above its status as one overlong episode of the television show.

• For Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Pandorum squanders promising premise

Pandorum

Director: Christian Alvert
Stars: Ben Foster, Dennis Quaid, Antje Traue
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A scene from the horror sci-fi flick Pandorum.

REVIEW Pandorum is a fairly entertaining science fiction/horror movie that doesn't quite work, but comes awfully close.

Two astronauts wake up from hyper-sleep with their memories missing due to an overlong nap. They quickly realize that something is wrong, but can't remember exactly what should be happening.

The younger man (Ben Foster) runs off to explore while the older officer (Dennis Quaid) stays put by a computer. It soon becomes clear that they aren't alone when a horrific race of humanoid monsters show up and start attacking everything that is still moving.

The set up is intriguing and for a while it seems like Pandorum might be a decent space horror romp like Event Horizon. Unfortunately a kung fu fighting hottie scientist (Antje Traue) is thrown into the mix and things get silly fast. It all leads up to a big twist ending that is obvious from a mile away. Pandorum opens with a bang that should grab the audience's attention, but sadly dissolves into absurdity and cliché by the finale. The screenplay simply juggles too many ideas and genres to form a cohesive whole. At first the mish-mash of tones and styles is interesting and unpredictable, but it soon turns into a mess.

It's a shame that the screenplay doesn't quite work, because there's a great deal to like about Pandorum. German director Christian Alvart has an aggressive visual style that suits the material well and his decision to use elaborate sets and make up effects over CGI really helps create a believable fantasy world.

If you can switch your brain off Pandorum will be an entertaining ride, but the moment you are thinking about what's happening onscreen you'll be in trouble.

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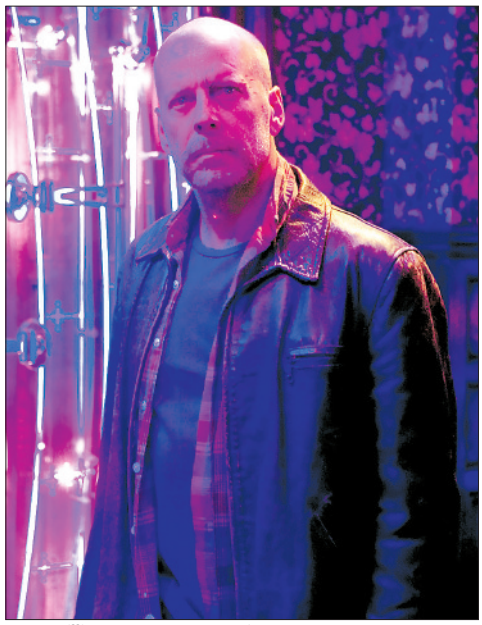
Plot holes, stiff acting destroy Surrogates

Surrogates
Director: Jonathan Mostow
Stars: Bruce Willis, Ving Rhames, James Cromwell
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada



Bruce Willis stars as an FBI agent in Surrogates.

Surrogates, the new sci-fi thriller starring Bruce Willis, is a luddite's nightmare. Inexplicably mixing Wall-E's social commentary and Minority Report's crimeless-future, the film presents a world where all human interaction occurs through robot surrogates, controlled by their flesh-and-blood counterparts from the safety of a chair at home.

What's more, most people tend to adopt an idealized physical appearance giving their surrogate versions a creepy Barbie and Ken look.

It's on this novel premise that director Jonathan Mostow hangs a rather traditional murder mystery. The film opens with the murder of the son of Dr. Lionel Canter (James Cromwell), the inventor of surrogates.

In steps Agent Greer (Willis), the FBI officer assigned to what turns out to be the first murder in years. He and his partner Agent Peters (Radha Mitchell) quickly discover that the murderer was able to override the victim's surrogate's safety features with a new weapon.

Based on a comic book of the same name, Surrogates is yet another example of a film that takes an intriguing idea and drives it into the ground. One reason could be the incredibly stiff acting from a talented group of actors. Another is an absurd number of plot holes. But mostly the rote plot and an incredibly bland villain ensure that what could have been a visceral fall blockbuster is a mildly entertaining stinker.

Quaid accused of skipping $10K bill

WARRANT Authorities say an arrest warrant has been issued for actor Randy Quaid and his wife claiming they skipped out on a $10,000 hotel bill in Santa Barbara County. Sheriff's spokesman Drew Sugars said Thursday the Quaids aren't in custody and detectives haven't been able to interview the actor. He says the warrant for Quaid and his wife Evi set bail at $20,000 each. The felony warrant is for burglary, defrauding an innkeeper and conspiracy. The department isn't releasing other details.

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Steve Gow

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Jason Leigh pregnant
Jennifer Jason Leigh and her director husband Noah Baumbach are expecting their first child together, according to reports. The couple, who wed in 2005, has been trying to start a family for more than a year. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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No humour lost in Great White North

People treat Canadian movies as a serious subject. The mere mention of Great White Northern film conjures up images of dysfunctional family dramas, stark Arctic vistas or bumbling Mounties.

Writer Kathryn Monk summed it up nicely when she wrote a history of Can Con cinema called Weird Sex and Snowshoes. The title of her excellent book puts into words what many people perceive as the state of our homegrown film industry.

We may do our fair share of serious, introspective movies but between moments of navel gazing we also make movies that make people laugh, as we'll see in this weekend's Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day.

Years before the Trailer Park Boys brought their own brand of East Coast, humour to the big screen another troupe of comedians from the right hand side of the country created The Adventure of Faustus Bidgood.

It's a surreal comedy starring CODCO's Andy Jones as a provincial department of education clerk who fantasizes about becoming president of People's Republic of Newfoundland and seceding from Canada.

The film, which was the first movie produced entirely in Newfoundland with home-based cast, crew, and funding, is a little inconsistent in tone — it was shot over a 10 year span as money was raised little by little — but is a riot of sight gags and unconventional humour.

Better known is Les Boys, a 1997 Quebec-made comedy that forms the cornerstone of the most successful Quebec made film series of all time.

"We may do our fair share of serious, introspective movies but between moments of navel gazing we also make movies that make people laugh."

The story, which echoes Slap Shot with a touch of Mystery, Alaska thrown in, sees a ragtag group of amateur hockey players squaring off against a Mafia boss's team to win back ownership of their coach's bar.

It's raunchy formulaic fun that has spawned two successful sequels and a television series.

Our final Canadian comedy found inspiration from an unlikely source. Strange Brew, the Bob and Doug McKenzie (Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis) film about something rotten at the Elsinore Brewery, is loosely based on Hamlet, with the McKenzie Brothers taking the roles of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Also, according to hoser Bob it was "shot in 3B — three beers! — and it looks good, eh?"

For all the great films we've made in this country Saturday Night Live czar Lorne Michaels jokes a Canadian would never make a film called It's a Wonderful Life because "that would be bragging."

He says the Canadian version would be called It's an All Right Life. Sounds like the next great Canadian comedy to me.

Rémy Girard, Patrick Labbé and Pierre Lebeau in Les Boys.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Owen owns Boys

REVIEW This true-life drama delicately and deftly finds a balance that''s hard to strike: It depicts death, and the way a family rebuilds and redefines itself afterward, without any mawkishness.

Director Scott Hicks' film, with its dreamlike, sun-splashed landscapes of Southern Australia, is visually arresting (the work of cinematographer Greig Fraser, who recently shot Jane Campion's luminous Bright Star).

Allan Cubitt's script, based on Simon Carr's memoir, is meaty and straightforward. Much of the allure of The Boys Are Back comes from Clive Owen's complex performance; as a man learning how to function as a single father after the death of his wife.

His character, sportswriter Joe Warr, takes a Just Say Yes attitude in raising his six-year-old son (Nicholas McAnulty, disarming in his film debut), which makes for a lot of fun but it also results in chaos.

Joe has travelled constantly for work, feeling secure that young Artie's daily routine was in the capable hands of his wife, Katy (Laura Fraser). Once Katy dies of cancer, Joe is left with all those responsibilities and not a clue about where to begin.

Then the arrival of Harry (George MacKay), Joe's teenage son from his first marriage, changes the dynamic all over again.

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Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 7
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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Sun 6:45 Mon-Tue 5:45
Gamer (18A) Fri-Sun 7:05-9:25 Mon-Tue 6:05-8:25
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Sat-Tue 8
Sorority Row (18A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Mon-Tue 8:45
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Love Happens (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:35 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:35 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-8:15
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Wanted (Hindi w/e.s.t) (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
What's Your Raashee? (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 2-7:30
Whip It (PG) No Passes Sat 7

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
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(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 1-9 Mon-Thu 9
Ponyo (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 3:15-7 Mon-Thu 7

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Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4-6:50-9:30 Sat 1-4-6:50-9:30 Sun 1-4-6:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:50
Pandorum (14A) Fri 4:10-7-9:50 Sat 1:10-4:10-7-9:50 Sun 1:10-4:10-7 Mon-Thu 4:10-7
Sorority Row (18A) Fri 4:35-7:10-9:45 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:10-9:45 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-10 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:20-10 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

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The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:05-7:15-10:15
Whip It (PG) No Passes Sat 7
Whiteout (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:10

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Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Shorts (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20

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District 9 (18A) Fri-Thu 8:55
The Final Destination (18A) Fri-Thu 8:45
G-Force (G) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 12:2-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-8:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Sat-Sun 12
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 12-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 2-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
Shorts (G) Fri 4:40 Sat-Sun 2:45-4:40 Mon-Thu 4:40
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30

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What's Your Raashee? (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 2-7

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Pandorum (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:05-4:55-7:35-10:20
Surrogates (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15
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Love Happens (PG) Fri 7:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:15-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:20

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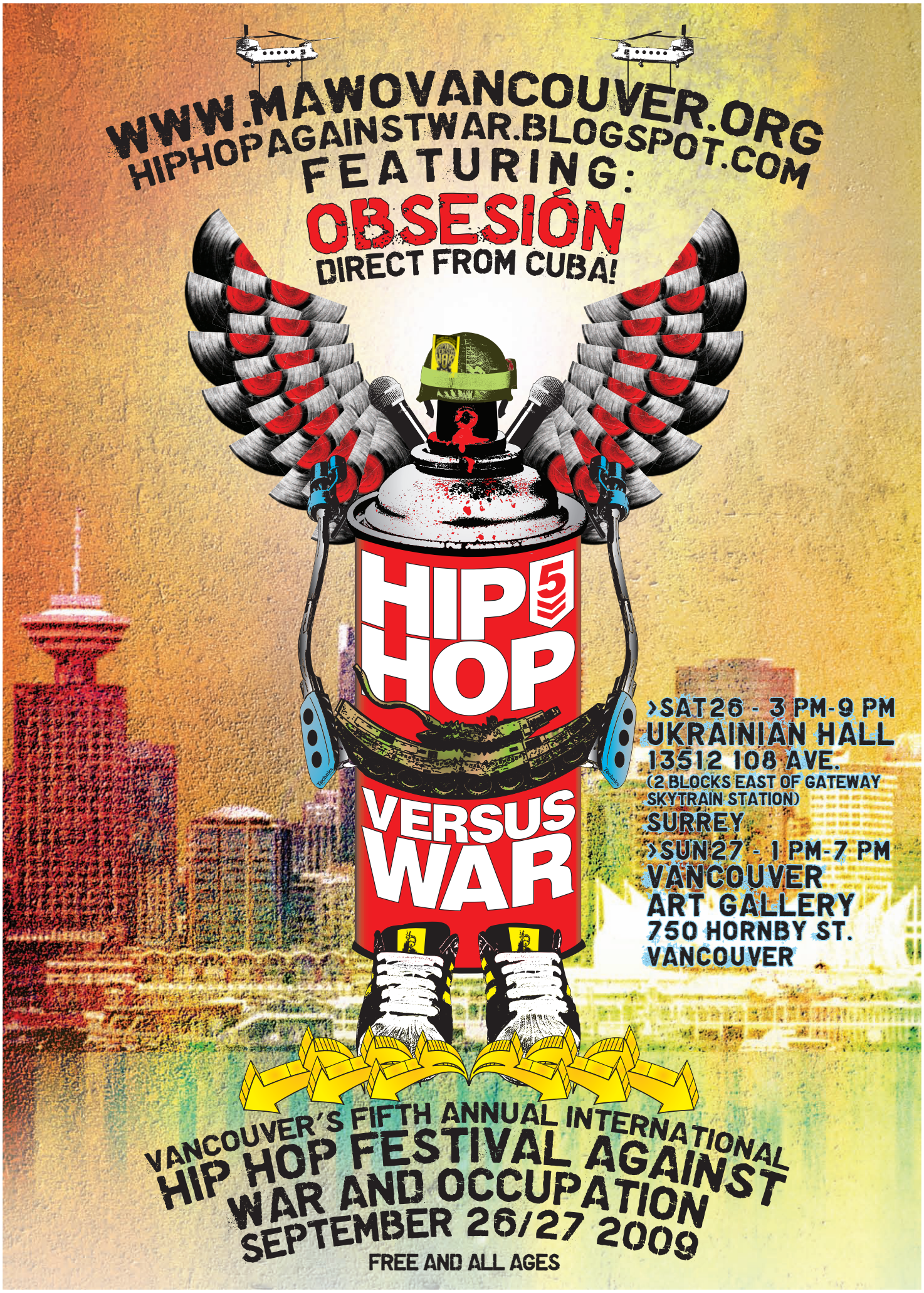
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Music

Harry Connick Jr. did it Your Way

Singer gets an assist from Clive Davis on latest album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Harry Connick Jr. has accomplished a lot in his career — he's released more than 20 albums, acted on TV and on film — but one thing he's never done, until recently, was work with Clive Davis. In fact, he hadn't even met the legendary producer until he was summoned to his office in New York.

"My manager called me and said Clive Davis wants to meet with you," says Connick during an interview at the MuchMusic building in Toronto. "I didn't know what that meant."

It turned out Davis wanted the veteran jazz musician to sing an album of famous pop songs. It sounds easy enough, but it turned out to be a lot harder to do than the singer thought.

"I've never collaborated with someone before," he says. "So I'd write some arrangements and he would be like 'those strings are too high' or 'there shouldn't be a guitar in there.' I got really bristly. My ego was hurt."

It wasn't just the music that Davis criticized, it was the song selection and the name of the album too. Connick originally wanted to sing a Nat King Cole song, but Davis said it wasn't popular enough. He also hoped to call the disc A Love Like Ours, which is a line from the Beatles song And I Love Her (it appears on the disc). Davis said no.

"He said this is not a record about love songs, it's a record about familiarity and presenting songs to people that they know, so you have to call it Your Songs," he says. "I didn't know if I wanted to do that, but you know what? I let him have it.

"Am I selling out? I don't know. Am I acquiescing to the point of diluting what I believe? I don't think so. I'm just having a different type of experience."

Connick is being hard on himself — while the new disc won't go down as being one of his best — the jazzy pop orchestral arrangements, which he wrote himself, are bright, full and complex, and the song selection is exactly what Davis wanted, popular and familiar. There's Billy Joel's Just The Way You Are, Nat King Cole's Mona Lisa and Elton John's Your Song, among other popular tunes.

GETTY IMAGES

Harry Connick Jr.'s latest album, Your Songs, was released earlier this week.

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While Connick has recorded other people's music in the past doing something like this, something geared toward the masses, is a change. But, he explains that, unlike some artists, he doesn't just waltz in on a weekend to lay down vocals. "I'm the guy who says that note is flat. I'm the guy who does all the work, not some of it. Every note you see the orchestra playing is what I did. Singing is just part of the process."

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Alan Cross
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Last week, I started going through some fourth-quarter CD releases that will have heavy impacts on the bottom lines of the major record labels. Here are a few more:

Muse — The Resistance (Out now): Over the rest of the planet, they're huge enough for singer/guitarist Matt Bellamy to live in a villa on Lake Como in Italy. In North America, they're still rather cult-y. This record may change that.

Kiss — Sonic Boom (Oct. 6): It's been 11 years since the last studio album from Kiss, but I can't say that I know many people devastated by this gap in the band's oeuvre. One version will come with re-recordings of their big hits.

Dead by Sunrise — Out of Ashes (Oct. 13): If you can't get enough Linkin Park, then you'll need this first solo release by vocalist Chester Bennington, which contains songs he wrote while LP was locked in an ugly contract battle a few years ago.

Bob Dylan — Christmas in The Heart (Oct. 13): Yes, you read that right: a Christmas album from Mr. Zimmerman. He does "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "O Little Town of Bethleham." No, really.

Nirvana — Live at Reading (Nov. 3): Bootleg video of what some people consider to be Nirvana's finest performance have been floating around for years. Now we'll finally get nice clean images on the DVD and clean-up sound for the CD version.

Foo Fighters — Greatest Hits (Nov. 3): Fifteen years and six albums deep into the post-Nirvana world, Dave Grohl's crew will issue a double disc that will also feature two new songs, including Wheels, a track the band debuted at a White House barbecue on July 4.

Eminem — Relapse 2 (Nov. 17): Mr. Mathers has sold 32 million records this decade, more than any other artist. The follow-up to Relapse, which came out in May, will add to that total.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Dane files lawsuit
Eric Dane and Rebecca Gayheart have filed a lawsuit against Gawker.com, claiming the website's bosses unlawfully posted a threesome video featuring them online, according to TMZ.com. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Mix of Six

Mom's The Word: Remixed
When: Opening weekend
Where: Granville Island Stage
The shockingly funny Moms reunite to share their true, intimate tales of the heartache and joy of parenthood, from bun in the oven to the terrible twos to the terrifying teens. Tix: $25-$45. Info: artsclub.com.

Burton Cummings
When: Friday
Where: Red Robinson Show Theatre
Former Guess Who member and Canadian rock veteran plays songs mixes new works from his solo album with material from his previous band. Tix: $74.50-89.50. Info: blvdcasino.com.

Hip Hop versus War and Occupation
When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: Ukrainian Hall, VAG
Fifth annual two-day event features pioneers of Cuban hip hop, Obsesion, and dozens of local and international MCs, DJs, break dancers and graffiti artists. Tix: Free. Info: mawovancouver.org.

Bard on the Beach
When: Ends Saturday
Where: Vanier Park
Vancouver's popular Shakespeare Festival comes to a close with Othello on Friday and The Comedy of Errors on Saturday. Tix: $18-$34. Info: bardonthebeach.org.

Indian Summer Festival
When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: Robson Square
B.C.'s Aboriginal tourism industry celebrates the traditions, history and revitalization of Aboriginal culture. The event features crafts, food, dancing and entertainment. Info: aboriginalbc.com.

Portobello West
When: Sunday
Where: Rocky Mountaineer Station
More than 110 local artists and designers feature their one-of-a-kind fashion and art in one of Vancouver's most impressive indoor venues. Tix: $2. Info: portobellowest.com.

Lion King gives costumes to Smithsonian museum

Producers of The Lion King musical are donating two of the Broadway show's elaborate costume pieces to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Yesterday museum officials accepted Simba's mask and the costume for tribal shaman and show narrator Rafiki to be placed in the entertainment history collection.

They'll be in rare company among about 50 objects from Broadway, including costumes from Hello, Dolly!, Fiddler on the Roof, Rent and Cats.

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Lion King producer Thomas Schumacher

"We'll have Rafiki next to Dolly Levi. That's a big thing," said a giddy Thomas Schumacher, the show's producer.

"The Rafiki costume really speaks to the design and soul of the show," he said. "This is a completely original creation that doesn't look like anything else. That's kind of thrilling."

Designer Julie Taymor created the costumes, puppetry and scenic design that brought the 1994 animated Disney movie to life on stage in 1997.

The hit show how now been seen by 50 million people worldwide — the first American musical to hit that milestone and only the fourth in theatre history.

The show, featuring the music of Elton John and Tim Rice, including the Academy Award-winning Can You Feel the Love Tonight, has been presented in 13 different countries.

Museum curator Dwight Blocker Bowers said the show represents an evolution in Broadway design, one reason why he sought out the Lion King pieces. It also has an intergenerational appeal, which he said is rare because musical tastes tend to vary by age group.

"The musical is an indigenous American art form in terms of how we know it," Blocker Bowers said. "The Lion King," he said, "took the musical to areas it had never embraced before," bringing animals to life with live puppetry and groundbreaking costumes.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

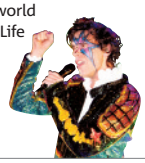
1 Away We Go
DVD Sam Mendes' latest effort was too low-key for summer blockbuster season but this sweet little film may be more endearing on your home theatre. Starring John Krasinski (of The Office) and Maya Rudolph, the film centres around a couple's search for the perfect place to raise their kids.

2 FlashForward
TV It may sound like any other sci-fi series but here's the Canuck twist — the ABC drama is based on celebrated Mississauga, Ont., author Robert J. Sawyer's novel of the same name. FlashForward, which premiered yesterday, stars Joseph Fiennes as FBI agent Mark Benford, a man who finds himself desperately trying to piece together the cause of a mysterious global event.

3 Margaret Atwood
AUTHOR She may be 70 but she shows no signs of stopping. The doyenne of Canadian fiction is not only picking up rave reviews for her new novel The Year of the Flood, but also made it to the Giller Prize long list. She has also created a short musical play based on the novel.

4 Xavier Dolan
DIRECTOR Roll over, Atom Egoyan. The new poster boy of Canadian cinema is only 20 years old, and his wrenching family drama I Killed My Mother has been chosen as the nation's official entry for the Oscars.

5 The Boy Who Knew Too Much: Mika
ALBUM He conquered the pop world three years back with his debut Life in Cartoon Motion. Now the British singer is ready to keep the crown with another edition of his Elton John-meets-Freddy Mercury over-the-top melodies.



6 Juliet, Naked: Nick Hornby
BOOK Surprise, surprise! The pre-eminent "lad lit" author's new novel is not about a boy, but about a girl. Thirtysomething museum curator Annie strikes up an online relationship with Tucker Crowe, a reclusive American singer-songwriter.

7 It Might Get Loud
FILM If you believe in guitar gods, consider your prayers answered. Master axemen Jimmy Page, The Edge and Jack White gather around to exchange notes on how they create their fretboard magic. Enjoy without earplugs.

CW wants some more

The CW wants to see more of One Tree Hill, Melrose Place and The Vampire Diaries. The network ordered a full 22-episode season of One Tree Hill, and ordered nine new scripts for new series The Vampire Diaries. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

Green parenting in a toxic world

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

The title of Min Sook-Lee's My Toxic Baby sounds like a horror film, and in a way, that designation is apt.

The Toronto-based filmmaker's new short documentary — which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month — pivots on perhaps the deepest and most universal anxiety of all: The terror of becoming a new parent.

Min Sook-Lee turned the lens on herself as she sought out an pure living environment for her daughter, Song Ji, and considers modern parenting in My Toxic Baby.

"I've always seen myself as a socially conscious person," says Lee, an award-winning director whose previous credits include the excellent 2005 doc Hogtown: The Politics of Policing.

"But I had never wholly integrated ecologically friendly living habits into my life until my daughter was born. Bringing a brand new person into the world changed the rules of the game fundamentally."

Indeed, the theme of My Toxic Baby is change, with Lee turning the lens on herself as she attempts to purify her new daughter's living environment and connects with other parents similarly committed to shifting notions about what should constitute a healthy child-rearing environment.

And yet, the documentary does not feel like a screed: Lee says that the last thing that she wanted to do was come off as sanctimonious.

"I'm very aware that women are constantly being judged for their 'skills' as mothers," she says, "to the point where it's almost a public sport. I didn't want to contribute to that."

My Toxic Baby airs on Global on Friday night

The other thing that Lee wanted to avoid was a too-conventional documentary format: The glut of PowerPoint-style eco-documentaries in the wake of An Inconvenient Truth have brought the form dangerously close to redundancy.

What separates My Toxic Baby from the herd is its uncommonly intimate, personal dimension — which does not preclude its pointing towards wider implications.

"You might notice, I didn't put any 'talking head' experts in the documentary," says Lee. "At this point of crisis, there are enough sad scientific stats out there pointing to what is becoming increasingly more clear — we are in a chemical war zone. I wanted to focus instead of people who are responding to the crisis. For me as a mother, that is essential — finding hope."

Escape real life with sci-fi TV

Considering the difficult year we've been through, it's no wonder primetime this fall has taken on a sci-fi tinge, offering series full of escapism through supernatural plots and otherworldly characters.

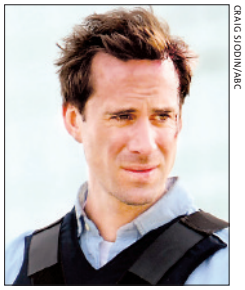
Here is a look at some of the new and returning shows premiering this fall:

FlashForward

Everyone in the world simultaneously blacks out for two minutes and 17 seconds. (So what could be better to help forget all the money you lost when the markets crashed?) In that time, each person catches a glimpse of the future. A team of FBI agents (headed by actors Joseph Fiennes and John Cho) tries to piece together what happened and what's unfolding.

Dollhouse

Despite poor ratings, Eliza Dushku and the other "Actives" — operatives in an ultra-exclusive, illegal escort service who have had their personalities wiped clean, then are imprinted with new personas to fit client wants and needs — are back. Maybe creator Joss Whedon can come up with a way to wipe away our memories from this year.



CRAIG SJODIN/ABC

Actor Joseph Fiennes in a scene from sci-fi series Flash-Forward, which premiered Sept. 24 on ABC.

Smallville

Young Superman "embraces his Kryptonian side." Need a better reason to get lost in Season 9? Clark Kent dons the iconic "S."

Medium

After suffering a stroke and winding up in a coma last season, Allison (Patricia Arquette) wasn't talking to too many ghosts. Maybe the change of scenery — the series moves from NBC to CBS — will help.

Ghost Whisperer

Do you like your supernatural with a dose of Us Weekly? Star Jennifer Love Hewitt sees dead people opposite her boyfriend and castmate Jamie Kennedy, who plays "ghost listener" Eli.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Life is a song for actress after Reba sitcom

For Melissa Peterman, life after Reba is something to sing about. Hopefully, it'll be somebody else doing the singing.

"People tell me that I have the kind of voice that the first time you hear it, you're going to go, 'Arghhh!' and if I continue to sing at you, it starts to get under your skin," she said.

Given that, it's somewhat of a surprise that life, of late, is a song for the comic character actress, 38, who stole scenes on the Reba sitcom as the peabrained but huge-hearted Barbra Jean, the wife of Reba McEntire character's ex-husband.

Early this summer, Peterman debuted as host of CMT's remember-the-lyrics game show, The Singing Bee, which was just renewed for a second season on the country network.

"Everything I've done has led up to this point: the nights I've went out and done karaoke poorly, the nights I've pretended to know lyrics to songs," she joked.

This weekend, she brings that humour to the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, as she hosts a Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, where 18,000 attendees will belt out Rodgers and Hammerstein favourites and watch Julie Andrews and company.

"So, you see, I DO have a voice that could sell out (the) Hollywood Bowl!" Peterman said, with tongue firmly in cheek. "And there is not a lot of people that can say that, except everyone else who sang there and sold out. But I'm the only one who doesn't have a record deal."

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Actress Melissa Peterman

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Back to school for Longoria
Desperate Housewives actress Eva Longoria Parker says she will enrol in a master's program in Chicano studies and political science. She didn't say what university she will attend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Phillips defends dad John

Mackenzie Phillips is defending her father John Phillips as "a good man," despite her claims that they had an incestuous affair.

But her stepmother Michelle Phillips says Phillips is lying about the affair and is just trying to cash in on her book.

The 49-year-old former child actress writes in her new book, High on Arrival, that she had a decade-long sexual relationship with her father, and alleges they had sex on the night before she was to get married in 1979 at age 19.

She wrote in her book: "I woke up that night from a blackout to find myself having sex with my own father." John Phillips, who died of heart failure in 2001, was the leader of the 1960s group the Mamas and the Papas.

Phillips, 49, who starred on TV's One Day at a Time, said the sexual relationship with her father lasted a decade and ended when she became pregnant and didn't know who had fathered the child. She had an abortion, for which her father paid.

Interviewed on NBC's Today show Thursday, Phillips said it was "a very permissive time and a very rock 'n' roll world and pretty much anything went." Her father "did the best he could," she said.

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Back on Oprah

- Mackenzie Phillips is returning to The Oprah Winfrey show via satellite on Friday. Joining her will be half-sister Chynna, who will be live in the studio, according to usmagazine.com.

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Former child actress Mackenzie Phillips alleges she had an incestuous affair with her father, the deceased John Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas, in her new book. Both pictured in this 1981 photo.

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Leslie, My Name Is Evil
(Canada, 85 min.)

Perry (Gregory Smith), a sheltered chemist, falls in love with Leslie (Kristen Hager), a former homecoming princess, when he is selected to be a jury member at the Manson Family trial. Reg Harkema's highly stylized period piece exposes the darkest, deepest parts of our society. <LESLI>

Mon. Oct 5, 7:00pm, Ridge
Wed. Oct 7, 1:30pm, Granville 7

Ninja Assassin
(USA, 99 min.)

Trained since he was a child in the deadly art of assassination, Raizo (Korean megastar Rain) prepares to take his revenge on the mysterious Ozunu Clan. Director James McTeigue (*V For Vendetta*) cranks up the B-movie action until the the severed body parts fly. <NINJA>

Thu. Oct 15, 9:30pm, Granville 7
Fri. Oct 16, 1:30pm, Granville 7

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Lebanon
(Israel, 92 min.)

Mon. Oct 5, 11:00am, Granville 7
Tue. Oct 13, 8:45pm, Granville 7
Fri. Oct 16, 11:40am, Granville 7

The first Lebanon war—June, 1982. A lone tank is dispatched to search the remnants of a hostile town. Inside are four soldiers who are not eager for battle, but brave kids losing their innocence in the most brutal way. Samuel Maoz's debut is an intensely cinematic film, a personal immersion into the look, feel—and even the smell and taste—of war. <LEBAN>

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FRIDAY 9/25/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Medium (CC)		Flashpoint (CC)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	My Toxic Baby		Dollhouse "Vows" (CC)		NUMB3RS "Hangman"		News
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Law & Order (CC)		America's Next Top Model		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	The Office	The Office	Model Search (CC)		Family	Cougar Town	The Jay Leno Show (N)		The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Savior" (CC)		America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Medium (CC)		NUMB3RS "Hangman"		KIRO News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Law & Order (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	FlashForward (CC)		Family	Cougar Town	20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Brothers (CC)		Dollhouse "Vows" (CC)		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	Pedal Power (CC)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Pedal Power (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (Live)					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football BC Lions at Calgary Stampeders. From McMahon Stadium in Calgary. (CC)						SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Freedom Writers ★★★ (2007) Hilary Swank, Patrick Dempsey. (CC)					That's-Weird	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	King of Hill	The Invincible Iron Man (2007, Action)		
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Chiefs "Sitting Bull" (CC)		Poirot (CC)		New Tricks (CC)		Theremin: An Electronic Odyssey ★★★		
	575	583	20 CMT	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search		Reid	Gypsy Boots	Lady	CMT Star	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search		Star Crossed
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "Legacy"		CSI: Miami (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Masters of Reception (N)		Dress	Dress	Masters of Reception (CC)		Making Over America		What Not
	616	522	35 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		How Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Found.
	294	650	47 TBS	Spider-Man ★★★ (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe. (CC)					Sex and-City	Running Mates ★★★ (2000) Tom Selleck.		
	603	561	52 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners
	-	-	53 AMC	Ghostbusters	Ghostbusters II ★★ (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. (CC)					Ghostbusters ★★★ (1984) Bill Murray.		
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:20) Breakfast With Scot		Battle in Seattle ★★ (2007) Premiere. (CC)		(:45) Into the Wild ★★★ (2007) Emile Hirsch. (CC)				
	581	566	101 MTV	Hills Wedding	Bitch Is Back	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	OverBolts	Hills Wedding	Bitch Is Back	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 9/26/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World ★★★ (2003) Russell Crowe. (CC)						News	Raising Arizona ★★★ (CC)	
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE "Regina; Epilepsy"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Flashpoint (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	The Beat of Life (CC)		Project Runway Canada (N)		Movie				News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Whistler (CC) (DVS)		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Model Search (CC)		A Woman Hunted (2003) Alexandra Paul. (CC) (DVS)				Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smash Cuts	Smash Cuts	The Hills	The Hills	CSI: NY "Super Men" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Good Wife "Pilot"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order (CC)		Mercy (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	(5:00) College Football Iowa at Penn State.			NASCAR	Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Brian McKnight Show		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Talkshow
news	502	390	26 NW	Rise Up		National	At Issue	National	Mansbridge	Rise Up		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLS Soccer	Canadian Olympic Moments		UFC: Access	The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football: Argonauts at Blue Bombers				SportsCentre	2009 World Series of Poker		NFL Films	SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		Smallville (CC)		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Scooby-Doo! The Mystery Begins (2009) Robbie Amell.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "The Axeman Cometh" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Parenthood ★★★ (1989, Comedy) Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest.						Parenthood ★★★ (1989) Steve Martin.		
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos "Bust-Out"		CSI: Miami "Going Ballistic"		CSI: Miami "Resurrection"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Moving Up (N) (CC)		Police Women of Broward		Police Women of Broward		Moving Up (CC)		Police
	616	522	35 SHO	The Guard "The Beacon"		Legacy of Fear (2006, Suspense) Teri Polo. (CC)				Casino Royale ★★★ (2006) Daniel Craig.		
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:10) Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005) Owen Wilson. (CC)				(8:50) Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo ★		(:35) Orange County ★★		
	603	561	52 FN	Top Chef: Las Vegas (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Dear Food Network		Chopped		Top Chef
	-	-	53 AMC	(5:00) Wyatt Earp ★★ (1994, Biography) Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid.					Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid ★★★★ (1969) (CC)			
	320	621	60 CEN	(5:40) Speed Racer ★★		Transporter 3 ★★ (2008, Action) Jason Statham. Premiere.				I Am Legend ★★★ (2007) Will Smith. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Made (CC)		MTV Live	MTV News	Bitch Is Back

SUNDAY 9/27/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ★★★ (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)						CBC News: The National (N)		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Desperate Housewives		The Amazing Race 15 Twelve teams begin the race. (CC)				Cold Case "The Crossing"		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	(:01) Brothers & Sisters		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		The Transporter ★★ (2002) Jason Statham, Shu Qi. (CC)				Spectacle: Elvis		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries		Conviction Kitchen (N)		Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami "Deviant" (CC)		CSI: NY (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 15 Twelve teams begin the race. (CC)				Cold Case "The Crossing"		News
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Football: Colts at Cardinals			The Jim Mora	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Brothers (CC)		Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Link (N) (CC)		Nazi King (CC)		CBC News: The National		Link (CC)		Pedal Power
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family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Uncovered	MMA Conn	UFC Fight Night				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Ult. Fighter
	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Football: Colts at Cardinals			SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		E:60		Motoring	SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	The Next Star Viewers choose the winner.			Indie	In Real Life "Firefighting"		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell	Life's a Zoo	John
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Inspector Morse: Twilight of the Gods (1996) John Thaw.				New Tricks (CC)		Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Cheer Moms	Cheer Moms	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Funniest Home Videos		Wilsons	Wilsons	Cheer Moms
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Burned" (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Doubt"		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis "Prions" (CC)		The Haunting of Sorority Row (2007) Leighton Meester.				Weeds (N)	Found.	Kenny
	294	650	47 TBS	(:15) The Goonies ★★ (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin.					(:20) Without a Paddle ★★ (2004) Seth Green. (CC)			
	603	561	52 FN	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	53 AMC	Mad Men (N) (CC)		(:02) Mad Men (CC)		(:03) Breaking Bad (CC)		Mad Men (CC)		(:02) The Firm
	320	621	60 CEN	Michael Clayton ★★★ (2007) George Clooney. (CC)				Dexter "Living the Dream"		88 Minutes ★ (2007) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt.		
	581	566	101 MTV	OverBolts	Pranked	Bitch Is Back	MTV News	Fantasy Fact.	Beatdown	OverBolts	Pranked	MTV News

Fat lady sings for Allen

After two smash albums, Lily Allen is putting her music career on ice indefinitely, she admits on her blog. "Just so you know, I have not renegotiated my record contract and have no plans to make another record," Allen writes. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Smiley Miley pays up for her privacy

BIG SPENDER Miley Cyrus had a restaurant closed so she and 100 friends could party together, female-first.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star wanted to celebrate her sold-out concert at Los Angeles Staples Center on Tuesday night by dining at the newly-opened eatery Katsuya.

The 16-year-old star told bosses she wanted privacy "no matter the cost" so booked out the entire restaurant.

Cyrus was dressed in an open back, black mini-dress and high black boots as she sipped on a special Katsuya drink. A source added to website RadarOnline: "She was in great spirits and danced almost the whole night."

Cyrus was keen to keep her party private as she recently claimed her life is being ruined by the paparazzi. She wrote on her Twitter page: "Being a paparazzi is the most DISGUSTING job imaginable.

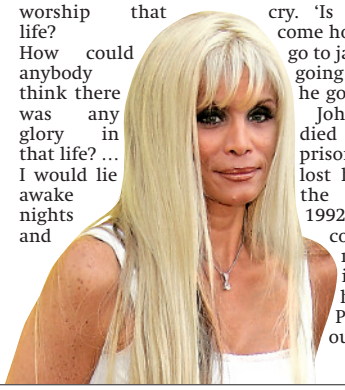
"Being followed around by creepy photographers is NOT in the job description! YOU try being stuck inside cuz creepers are waiting for u (sic)."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gotti behind murders: Kid

TEFLON DAUGHTER Onetime reality show star Victoria Gotti is finally admitting that her father, the former head of the Gambino crime family, was behind some of the most notorious murders in recent New York history, people.com reports.

"I loved the man … but I loathed the life, his lifestyle," Gotti, 46, tells the CBS newsmagazine 48 Hours Mystery in an episode to be aired Saturday. "How can anybody worship that life? How could anybody think there was any glory in that life? … I would lie awake nights and cry. 'Is my dad gonna come home? Is he gonna go to jail again? … Is he going to get hurt? Is he gonna get killed?'"



John Gotti, who died of cancer in prison in 2002, finally lost his nickname as the Teflon Don in 1992, when he was convicted of 13 murders, including the slaying of his predecessor, Paul Castellano, outside a New York steakhouse.

But Gotti had been fingered as the mastermind behind many more, such as the 1980 disappearance and apparent murder of a neighbour who accidentally ran over and killed Gotti's 12-year-old son Frank.

It was in that latter case that Victoria claims she demanded that her father exact "justice," according to 48 Hours Mystery.

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Posh says quit weight bugging

STICK INSECT Victoria Beckham wants everyone to stop obsessing over how thin she is. "I am fine — happy and healthy," she tells the Daily Mirror. "It's irresponsible when people obsess about my shape and size."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pitt's fixer upper

GOBS OF MONEY Brad Pitt has found a new project: Rebuilding the small airport near his French estate. Sources tell Page Six Pitt is looking for a way for his family to avoid the paparazzi.

"Their own airstrip would give them total freedom to come and go," says a source.

METRO WORLD NEWS

MTV will air DJ AM's drug show

TOO REAL? MTV is going ahead with a reality series about drug addiction DJ AM was filming before his death from an apparent drug overdose last month, sources say, according to Hollyscoop.

He had completed shooting eight episodes of the series Gone Too Far, in which a sober DJ AM helps young people cope with addiction. Sources claim MTV believes the show could still have a positive impact.

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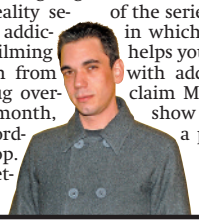
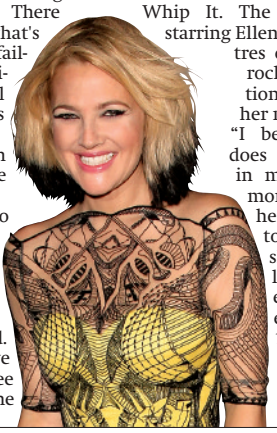


No happy endings for Drew Barrymore

SEX TAKES BACKSEAT Justin Long, take note. "Sexual love is secondary to me right now," Drew Barrymore says in a new Parade magazine interview. "I've spent a lot of time in my life dedicating myself to love or the pursuit of love or the understanding of love. But for the last few years, my life just hasn't been about that for me."

The twice-married star, 34, adds that she's "stopped believing in happy endings," usmagazine.com reports.

"I've started believing in good days," she says. "At the end of my movie, there's honesty. There's truth. There's peace. What tomorrow will bring is still in question. There is a joy that's earned by failure or triumph. All those things add up to teach us, if we are open to it."



She also sheds light on her relationship with her estranged mother, Jaid.

"I believe she will see the film," she tells Parade, referring to her directorial debut, Whip It. The dramedy, starring Ellen Page, centres on a girl's rocky relationship with her mother.

"I believe she does feel pride in me," Barrymore says of her mother, to whom she became legally emancipated from in 1991.

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Jennifer shed tears for Brad?

DID SHE OR DIDN'T SHE Jennifer Aniston wasn't having such a great time filming The Bounty in New York recently.

A source tells Page Six that when an assistant arrived at Aniston's trailer to retrieve her for a scene, she was in tears.

"I need a moment. This scene reminds me of Brad (Pitt) and me," she reportedly said.

The source explains: "While she enjoyed flirting with Gerard (Butler) on set and put a brave face on every day, privately she is still very fragile."

But Aniston's rep calls the story about her crying in her trailer "ridiculous. It never happened."

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Celebrity tweets

Yoko Ono gets some perspective, Joel McHale wants to improve American football, Courtney Love gets the wrong kind of attention and Pee-wee Herman discovers Twitter.

- @yokoono The sky is not only above our heads. It extends all the way down to earth. When we raise a foot from the ground, we are walking in the sky.
- @joelmchale Football should get rid of the extra point. Or at least move it back.
- @courtneylover79 you know your in trouble when the Secret Service have a CONFERENCE about your smoking in the bathroom at a film preem.
- @peeweeherman Pee-wee Herman is a trending topic? I know I am but what are you?

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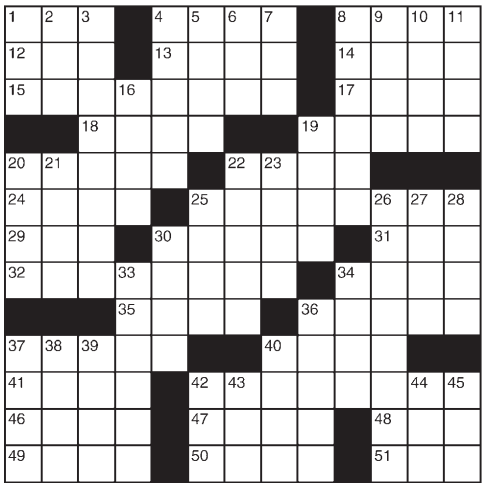

ACROSS

1 Picks out of a lineup
4 Ship's front
8 Wild party
12 Plaything
13 Green land
14 Curved molding
15 "Wow!"
17 Traditional tales
18 Versifier
19 Constitutional
20 Orated
22 Overcast
24 Ponder
25 "Wow!"
29 Swiss canton
30 Huffs and puffs
31 Born
32 "Wow!"
34 Unescorted
35 Unpaid bill
36 Illinois city
37 Bake eggs
40 Perry Mason portrayer
41 Mexican entree
42 "Wow!"
46 Detail
47 Squirrels' hangouts
48 "That's funny!" to a texter
49 Cincinnati team
50 Genealogy chart
51 Sweet potato

DOWN

1 Judge Lance
2 Homer's interjection
3 Formal discussions
4 Small flycatcher
5 Laugh-a-minute
6 Bobby of hockey
7 Become one
8 Anne who married Henry VIII
9 More than enthusiastic
10 Antitoxins
11 Command to Fido
16 Oxen's binder
19 Young blokes
20 Too confident
21 Engine noise
22 Leave
23 Tiers
25 Amorphous mass
26 In toto
27 Burn somewhat
28 Lily variety
30 Coffin support
33 File holders
34 Ganges wrap
36 Talk a blue streak?
37 Use a teaspoon
38 Loathe
39 On the rocks
40 Prepare a casserole
42 Braille component
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44 Extinct New Zealander
45 Shade provider

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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8	7	2	5	1	6	4	9	3
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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Herb-Coated Cod

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup (50 mL) butter, melted
2/3 cup (150 mL) crushed crackers
2 tbsp (25 mL) grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried basil
1/4 tsp (1 mL) garlic powder
1 lb (500 g) cod fillets

METHOD:

1. Place butter in shallow bowl. In another bowl, combine crackers, cheese and seasonings. Dip fillets in butter, then coat with crumbs.
2. Place in greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 400°F (200°C) 15-20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There is no point making a big fuss if something small goes wrong today. Strive to stay calm and don't get annoyed over trivial matters.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't give too much away today, not even if you are bursting with good ideas. If you say too much, you may find your ideas are rejected or stolen.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If someone is insensitive enough to point out your failings you might like to remind them of all the times in the past when they goofed.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Whatever limits you come up against you must remind yourself that they don't really exist.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Maybe you have realized that the goals you set yourself are going to take a lot more time and a lot more effort than you initially supposed.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde warns that some of your ideas are half-formed at best and could cause problems if you take them too seriously.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Both at home and at work, but especially at work, you are advised to look out for Number One today, because if you don't no one else will.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
What a Scorpio wants, a Scorpio usually finds a way to get, and what you get over the next 24 hours will cheer you up no end.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be suspicious of a person you work or do business with, but why? Chances are they have done nothing to cause you serious misgivings.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Negative comments are likely today, and it may be you who is on the receiving end. Fortunately, you know your own worth.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone in a position of authority is watching you closely and hoping you do something wrong so they can make an example of you.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
With mind planet Mercury still moving retrograde there is a danger you will either be too logical for your own good or abandon logic altogether.

This day in history

SEPT. 25, 1690: Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick, the first newspaper to appear in the Americas, is published for the first and only time.
SEPT. 25, 1911: Ground is broken for Fenway Park in Boston.
SEPT. 25, 1981: Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the 102nd Justice sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and the first woman to hold the office.
SEPT. 25, 1983: Maze Prison escape: 38 republican prisoners hijack a prison meals lorry and smash their way out of HMP Maze. It is the largest prison escape since WWII and in British history.

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